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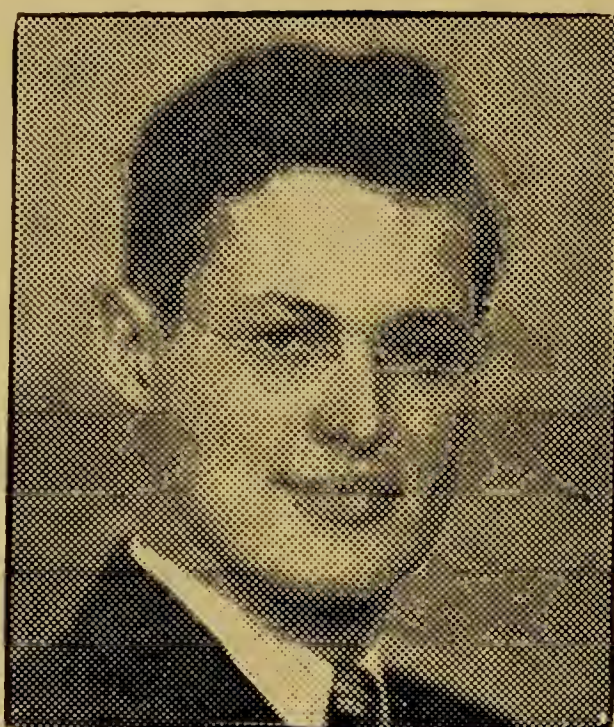
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HISTORY OF THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The history of Methodism in North Andover opens in 1845, when the town was only a small hamlet, and the adjoining City of Lawrence was hardly a prophecy of what it has since become. At that time there were no religious services being held in this section of Andover. The church was founded when Andover included Andover, and North Andover which was separated by act of the General Court in 1855.

The North Parish Church had been founded in 1645 and was ministering at the Center. The Congregational Church also established at the Center, in 1834, did not move from there to its present location until 1865. The Catholic Church came as a mission in 1868, and the Episcopal Church was formed still more recently in 1882.

The first service was conducted by Rev. Stephen G. Hiler, a local preacher, on the first Sunday in August, 1845 and was held in the school house, with 20 persons present. This school house stood on what is now a vacant lot, at the corner of Main and School Streets. The Rev. Hiler conducted services here until he was forced to leave because of ill health, at the end of the year 1846. From then until August 1847, there was no regular preacher. However, they were supplied a few Sundays during that time by Baptist and Methodist preachers.

In August, James Dean, a local preacher, was sent by the then District Superintendent, the Rev. P. Crandell, to supply for the remainder of the conference year. Being dissatisfied with the general condition of the society, he left in November of the same year. From then until conference time in April, William Pentecost, a local preacher from Boston, supplied every alternate Sunday. Consequently, the first pastor to be regularly appointed to this charge by the New England Methodist Episcopal Conference, was the Rev. William Pentecost in 1848.

The following paragraph is an article written by him sometime during his pastorate.

"At present there is evidently a growing interest in the village on the subject of religious prejudices giving way. The school house is well filled. Many who were formerly hostile towards us, and attended no place of religious worship attend regularly here with deep attention, and are anxious that preaching should be continued, pledging themselves likewise to contribute towards its support. Our present number of regular church members is twenty-three, several others are concerned about their spiritual state, four of them have commenced meeting in class, who, we trust are bidding fair for the Kingdom."

The first membership list includes the following:

David Moore	Samuel Chase	William Adams
Sophia Moore	Harriet Chase	Miriam Adams
Joseph Ladd	Dianattra Ladd	Abbey Chase
Eliza Ladd	Charles Knight	Lucy Moore
Rebecca Osgood	Abram Bamford	Mary Bamford
Susan Russell	Elsey Knight	Sarah McIlroy
Lucinda Sargent	Mary Pentecost	Gorham Tandy
Susan Wallace	James Brierley	Jane Wagstaff
Mary Bamford	Ann Kershaw	John Wagstaff
Betsy Bamford	Robert McIlroy	Mary Butterworth
Rebecca Bamford	John Butterworth	

On September 29, 1849, the first board of trustees was formed, taking the name, "Trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of North Andover." The articles of incorporation are as follows:

Pursuant to an application of three Trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Merrimack District Andover, said Trustees being certified by the Preacher in charge of said church to have been appointed in accordance with the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a meeting of said Trustees for the purpose of organizing themselves a body corporate, agreeably to an act passed by the Legislature in 1847 and approved by the Governor April 26th, 1847, was called by Dan Weed, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Essex, and said Trustees having been duly notified, a meeting of said Trustees was held on Saturday evening, September 29th, 1849 at the house of Rev. William Pentecost, Preacher in charge of said church.

There were present at said meeting, James Brierley, Joseph Ladd, David Ambrose and David Moore, being four-fifths of the whole number of Trustees, and the meeting having been opened by Prayer, a Secretary and Clerk were elected by ballot. James Brierley having a majority of the votes was declared to be duly elected, and was thereupon sworn by said Justice to the faithful discharge of the duties of his office as Secretary and Clerk. Joseph Ladd was then chosen Treasurer and Stephen G. Hiler, Chairman.

The meeting then adjourned *sine diem*.

In October, 1849 the society began the erection of the church building, on the lot now occupied, from which the present building, by successive evolutions has grown. Up to this time the society had held their meetings in the school house, but as the accommodations were somewhat crowded, it was decided to erect a meeting-house. The building was dedicated Wednesday, March 6, 1850, with a sermon by Rev. J. D. Bridge of Boston, and the dedicatory prayer by Rev. J. Shephard of East Cambridge. The following Saturday, the pews were sold for enough to cancel the debt, except for three hundred dollars.

At the Conference held in Boston in April, 1850, the Rev. William Pentecost reported that there was a class of eighteen Methodists in the Town of Groveland of which he had charge.

The ladies organized the "Social Benevolent Society," on October 1, 1851. There are two outstanding things that this society did in those early years. During the Civil War the members of the society made and sent supplies amounting to over one hundred-sixty dollars, to the Union Army. In 1865, the society gave over five hundred dollars toward paying off the mortgage on the parsonage.

In May of 1851 under the leadership of Rev. Ichabod Marcy, the pastor at that time, the Sunday School was reorganized with a membership of one hundred-fifty. It was at this time that the Sunday School Library was founded. However, this was discarded in 1928, because of the lack of interest and its material being obsolete for present day use.

By 1853 the church membership had increased so much it was found necessary to enlarge the original building. This was done by cutting it in two, and inserting a section in the middle, thereby increasing its capacity by one-third. This new addition left the church with a debt of five hundred dollars.

It was while serving this charge in 1853, that the pastor, Rev. John Smith, buried his first wife. Four years later he married Miss Mary E. Ladd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ladd, of North Andover, and early members of our church.

In the year in which the Rev. Nathan F. Soule served as pastor, (1857-58), there occurred a "depression," which was due to the over-confidence in railroad building and extension of credit. The local factories were nearly all closed for the greater part of the year, thus affecting the church financially.

Sometime during the year 1858, two probationers withdrew their names to save expulsion, for having attended "balls."

In the spring of 1860, when the Rev. George Sutherland came to North Andover to remain for two years, there were sixty-seven regular members and five probationers. The ministerial salary was five hundred dollars a year. Part of this sum was raised by holding a fair, from which the sum of one hundred-seventeen dollars was realized.

On March 28, 1861 the "Pew Owners" voted that a stone bridge be built on the west side of the Meeting House, and a chain put across to stop the travel of teams across the yard. This chain preceded the white picket fence which has long since been replaced by the privet hedge.

In the latter part of 1862, a permanent parsonage was established in the north side of the duplex cottage on Main Street next to what is now the property of the Catholic Church. In 1864, one-half of this building was purchased for the sum of eleven hundred dollars.

The following is a paragraph written about 1862, in the old records by the pastor, Rev. William M. Hubbard, telling of the Civil War. "We are now in the midst of a fearful rebellion, the country is rocked to and fro with internal strife. Many of our young men have gone into the field, and the liberality of the church is severely taxed, especially the Ladies' Benevolent Society who are doing all they can for the relief of our sick and wounded soldiers—still, as a church and Society, we are having prosperity, and are praying for grace, suited to the emergencies of the times."

In 1864, Rev. George Chapman was appointed to this parish. As he did not bring his family here at once, he lived at the home of Mr. James Standring, on Elm Street.

At the beginning of the year 1865, the Trustees were reorganized and incorporated for the second time. The articles of incorporation are as follows: Pursuant to an application of three Trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in North Andover, said Trustees being certified by the preacher in charge of said Church to have been appointed in accordance with the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a meeting of said Trustees for the purpose of organizing themselves a body Corporate, agreeably to an act passed by the Legislature in 1847, and approved by the Governor, April 26, 1847 was called by George H. Poor, Esq., a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Essex and said Trustees having been duly notified, a meeting of said Trustees was held on Tuesday evening, February 28th, 1865 at the Parsonage of said Society. There were present at said meeting, James Brierley, James Standring, John Butterworth, William Moody, Albert Grover, and the meeting having been opened by prayer by Rev. G. E. Chapman, a Secretary and Treasurer was elected by ballot. James Brierley, having a majority of the votes was declared to be duly elected and was thereupon sworn by said Justice of the Peace to the faithful discharge of his duties of his office as Secretary and Treasurer.

The reason for the second incorporation of the Trustees seems to be on account of the separation of the North and West Parishes of Andover into the towns of North Andover, and Andover on April 7, 1855.

The Rev. George E. Chapman wrote during the year 1865 that "The year will be memorable for the complete overthrow of the rebellion and the assassination of President Lincoln."

During the summer of 1870 the church was repaired inside and out at the cost of one thousand, one hundred-thirty dollars. The remarkable thing about this was, that inside of a year it was all paid for.

In the fall of 1871, during the pastorate of Rev. Linus Fish, a vestry was built by the Ladies' Society for social meetings, at a cost of six hundred dollars. At a later date this vestry was sold and moved to Davis Street, where it has been remodelled into a dwelling house.

During the pastorate of the Rev. Porter M. Vinton, the size of the building was found to be inadequate for the needs of the church. Therefore, it was completely remodelled and renewed, inside and out. It was at this time that the building was raised and the Sunday School vestry placed beneath, as we see it today. There had been two doors in the front of the church, one on either side of the old balcony which the choir used at that time. With the raising of the building and the installation of the stairways, a central doorway was made. During the time occupied in repairs the society was generously permitted to occupy the Congregational Church. The renewed building was rededicated, February 25, 1883, with a sermon preached by Rev. R. L. Thayer, D. D. The cost of repairs was five thousand dollars. The Church in its renewed condition and new furnishings, with commodious vestries seemed finally to be all that was desirable in the line of church property at the time.

The fortieth anniversary of the Society was held on August 2, 1885 with the Rev. William W. Baldwin, Pastor, in charge. A copy of the program used on that anniversary Sunday, and a newspaper account of the celebration are preserved. An historical sermon was given by the Pastor at 10:30 a. m. A Re-Union Love Feast was held at 2 p. m., and the Anniversary Jubilee was observed at 6:30 p. m.

The two year term of Rev. Baldwin, who came to us from Fairhaven, Maine, seems to have been very successful, financially. The Parsonage was repaired at the cost of two hundred dollars, and seven hundred dollars was paid on the principle of the church debt, in addition to paying all current expenses. The church debt in April of 1887, was twenty-nine hundred dollars.

The Young Peoples Christian League was organized on Monday, May 6, 1889 during the five year term of the Rev. Elias Hodge. There were twenty active, and seven associate members. This society continued until Wednesday, October 8, 1890 when the name was changed to that of Epworth League. Mr. Frank W. Abbott was the secretary at the last meeting.

At Conference time in 1893, the Rev. Henry Matthews came to our parish. He was here just a little over a year when he died on July 13, 1894. At a meeting of the Official Board held Saturday, July 14, 1894 with James Standring as Chairman, it was voted to close the church on Sunday, the 15th, and the resolutions which were presented by the Clerk of the Board, Alba M. Markey, touching the death of the Pastor, were adopted.

The Rev. Matthews was succeeded by Rev. Milton B. Pratt, who came here in September 1894. He was only a young man just starting out on his ministerial career when he served our church. When he retired about twelve years ago, he had served four large Ohio, and New York churches, and had been Dis-

trict Superintendent of the Buffalo, New York District. During his term as pastor, the fiftieth anniversary of the society was fittingly observed, in 1895.

It was during the pastorate of Rev. Pratt, that the pipe organ, which was not new when purchased, was installed. This organ was used continually, first being pumped by a "Blow Boy," later by a water pump, and still later becoming electrified, until it was taken out during the 1941 renovations.

The next important event in the life of the church was the building of the present parsonage at 40 Third Street, during the pastorate of the Rev. George Sanderson. The old parsonage which had been used for over forty years, was situated in the north side of a duplex-cottage, and was very cold and dreary.

At a meeting of the Trustees, held March 27, 1904, a committee, consisting of the Pastor, Rev. William M. Cassidy, and Brothers E. Edmunds and B. Hayes, was appointed to take under consideration the selling of the old Parsonage, and buying of the Liggett house for a new one. This is the house across the street from the church, and which is now partly occupied by two of our church families. However, this committee was discharged at a Trustee meeting held on May 5, 1904, as the house had been sold.

At a Trustee meeting held July 2, 1904, a committee of three was appointed, consisting of the Pastor, Rev. George Sanderson, Jabez N. Wagner, and Samuel T. Wood, to see what they could sell the old parsonage for and buy land to build a new one on. This committee was known as the "Parsonage Committee" and at a later date became the "Building Committee."

The old Parsonage was sold for thirteen hundred dollars, and the lot of land on Third Street opposite Maple Avenue, on which the Parsonage stands was bought on September 30, 1904 for the sum of four hundred and sixty-three dollars. The lot on the corner of Third and Milton Streets was bought a few years later. The late Louis H. McAloon was the contractor, erecting the building for twenty-five hundred dollars. The Trustees borrowed fifteen hundred dollars from the Essex Savings Bank to make a part payment on the Parsonage. This money was secured by giving a mortgage on the new building.

One of the many ways which was used to raise money to help to pay off this mortgage, was the selling of glass paper weights. These had the picture of the new Parsonage in the center, with the likeness of the Pastor and his wife on either side. These paper weights show a white picket fence on the Third Street side of the property. There are still many of these "weights" in existence among the older families of the Parish.

On May 17, 1905, a house warming was held, and the new Parsonage was formally dedicated. The other three Protestant Churches in North Andover were represented on this occasion. The Episcopal Church by its Pastor, Rev. H. Usher Monroe; the Unitarian Church by its Pastor, the Rev. Samuel Beane, who was then serving the first of his two terms as Pastor of the old North Parish Church. The Congregational Church was represented by the Hon. Judge Newton P. Frye.

This is a fitting place to pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable Judge Frye. He was always a good friend of "The little White Church at the fork of the roads," as he used to call it. It was his custom on being invited to attend the reception of each new minister, to present them with a bible. Both the bible and pastor's chair on the old pulpit, were gifts from him. At his death in 1925, he also remembered us by leaving in trust, the sum of three thousand dollars, the interest from such, to be used toward the ministerial support of the

church. At the death of Mrs. Frye in 1938, we received an additional one thousand dollars. This money was used to pay off a mortgage on the church which had been outstanding for ten years.

In June of 1910, it was voted by the Official Board to adopt the free seat system in the church, after having charged for the use of the pews for over fifty years.

Extensive alterations were made in the auditorium of the Church during the year 1917. A hardwood floor was layed and the choir loft enlarged. It was also at this time that the building was electrified and the rear stairway built.

On April 6, 1917, the United States declared war on the Central Powers. Our church had a direct part in this conflict, as it did in the War of the Rebellion. We had twenty of our young men go into the armed forces. They were:

James Bamford		Daniel Littlefield
Percy Chorlton	Charles Jackson	Austin Marshall
Gardner Davis	George T. Jackson	William McMurray
Bertie Dill	John Jorgensen	John McWilliams
Eugene Gardiner	Ernest Jones	Percy Naden
Fred Gile	Edward Keisling	Charles Sanborn
Fred Houghton	William Keisling	

The women in the church were very active in working at the Red Cross Rooms.

In July of 1922, the steeple was struck by lightning, causing considerable damage. The cost of repairing it and the damage done to the electric wiring system amounted to eight hundred dollars. We received enough from the insurance company to pay this bill, and had a sufficient amount of money left over to pay for repainting the church.

The Parsonage was wired for electricity, and improvements made in the kitchen during the pastorate of Rev. L. William Adams (1920-23). This work was paid for by the Ladies' Aid Society. Mr. Hedley V. Curren doing the electrical work, and Mr. Jabez N. Wagner making the alterations in the kitchen.

In April of 1923, the organ was electrified. The Davis & Furber Machine Company electricians doing the work. At this same time, the balcony, which was originally the choir loft, was taken down, and the space used for the Primary Department, was a welcome addition to the Sunday School facilities.

During the summer of 1924, when our Pastor, Rev. Harold Lancaster, returned to his home in England, we were supplied during his absence by the Rev. E. R. Lewis, who was the grandson of a former pastor, the Rev. Joseph W. Lewis (1873-75).

During the early part of 1925, alterations were made in the Sunday School Room. The present stage was built, and the space taking in one-half of the kitchen and one of the class rooms, were partitioned off from the large vestry at this time. Also the door going onto the stage from the small vestry was cut through at this time. Mrs. Emma Stott, Henry Hayman, Samuel A. Jenkins, Richard Chorlton, and the pastor, Rev. Harold Lancaster, being the committee in charge of the work. This work was done by two of our own parishioners, Mr. Cecil Bates and Mr. Hudson.

In September of 1925, the Rev. Harold Lancaster left us and went to the West Medford Methodist Episcopal Church. He was succeeded on October 18th, by Rev. Douglas G. Guest of Beverly, and a native of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

Sometime during the latter part of the spring of 1926, the roof of the Parsonage was damaged by fire amounting to five hundred dollars. The fire was caused by sparks from the chimney. With the money received from the insurance company, the roof was covered with fire-proof shingles, and the Parsonage painted.

During the summer of 1929, the church roof was resingled with fire-proof shingles and the building repainted its usual white. Inside, the church was completely redecorated and new lights installed. New folding individual chairs replaced the old long settees in the church school room. The kitchen, enlarged and equipped with new sink, closets and heater, was furnished with a new set of silver, by the Ladies' Aid Society. The committee gave much thought to the auditorium, so that it might create an atmosphere of true worship. As a result, the walls were redecorated in an ivory oiltex, mottled and blended with rose pink and cobalt blue. A communion table and a silver cross were dedicated as memorial gifts. The communion table was the gift of the family of the late Richard Chorlton. The silver cross was the gift of the family of the late Miss Edith Bamford. Both being former active workers in our church.

The cost of this renovating amounted to three thousand dollars. It was all paid for, that is, with the exception of seven hundred dollars, for which the Bay State Merchants National Bank of Lawrence held a mortgage on the building until 1938.

Rev. Louis Whitchurch, who directed this remodelling, served our parish for four years. He was very much interested in music, being an accomplished soloist. He directed the choir along with his ministerial duties.

In 1935, during the pastorate of Rev. Duane B. Aldrich, the 90th anniversary of the founding of our society was fittingly observed with a banquet, at which the District Superintendent, Dr. J. Franklin Knotts, was the principal speaker. The other three Protestant churches were represented by their pastors. The North Parish Unitarian Church, by Rev. Samuel C. Beane who was serving his second pastorate in North Andover; the Trinitarian Congregational Church, by Rev. Clinton W. Carvell and the Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, by Rev. Raymond H. Kendrick. Two of our former pastors honored us by their presence. Rev. Louis Whitchurch entertained with two solos, and the Rev. Ralph Norsworthy spoke concerning his pastorate here. The Town of North Andover was represented by the Honorable Joseph A. Duncan, long time Town Clerk, and neighbor and friend of many of our ministers. This banquet was held on Friday, October 18. On the following Sunday, October 20, the late Bishop Charles Wesley Burns, preached the sermon at the morning service.

Soon after this anniversary was over our pastor became ill. Rev. Aldrich continued his pastoral work under great hardship up until Christmas time. Finally, soon after the first of January 1936, he had to stop his work altogether. From then until Conference time, we had no regular minister. Our two local preachers, Miss Hazel Waterhouse and Whitney Feltmate, conducted the Sunday services. At Conference time, Rev. Aldrich retired, and was moved to his summer home in the western part of Massachusetts.

Our new minister in 1936, was the Rev. Robert Taylor, who was just recovering from a very serious illness. He stayed with us for only one year. During Rev. Taylor's stay in North Andover, he built a trailer, which was the object of a lot of attention in the neighborhood of the Parsonage.

In 1937, Rev. Taylor left us, being transferred to Weston, Mass. He was followed by the Rev. Ray S. True.

Much is to be said about the "Trues". Their stay in North Andover was only for one short year, but during that space of time they endeared themselves to the people of the parish. While here they adopted a baby boy, which they named David Ray. During Rev. True's pastorate in North Andover, he represented our Parish at the house warming of the new Parsonage of the North Parish Unitarian Church.

The "Trues" left us in the spring of 1938. A farewell reception was given for them on May 26. On behalf of the parishioners, Miss Hazel O. Cormey presented them a substantial sum of money, as a token of the high esteem held for them.

Our loss in losing the Rev. True, was borne with the same good faith which often sees many Methodists lose their well-liked ministers and are powerless to prevent it.

Rev. True was followed by Rev. Fred E. Fox, a student at Boston University, who was a native of Indiana.

In 1938 we repaired the two chimneys on the church, which had been originally built in 1858. They were taken down as far as the attic floor, and then rebuilt up into one large chimney. We were able to pay for this and also cancel the old mortgage of 1929, as we received the sum of one thousand dollars from the estate of Mrs. Newton P. Frye.

Our church prospered under the guiding hand of Mr. Fox. Mrs. Fox, a former music teacher in the Indiana public schools, took over the directing of the choir in 1939.

On April 30, 1939 a son, James was born to Rev. and Mrs. Fox. "Jimmie" was a welcome addition to the Parsonage family.

In May of 1939, our church became legally known as the First Methodist Church of North Andover, dropping the "Episcopal" from its name after using it for 94 years. This was done in accordance with the Union of the three branches of Methodism in the United States.

With the unification of the three churches, two of our church societies had to be reorganized. The Ladies' Aid Society and the Philathea Class were combined into the Women's Society of Christian Service. This took place on Monday, October 7, 1940. There were 23 charter members. They were:

Mrs. Fred E. Fox	Mrs. Clayton Bolderson
Mrs. Ernest Stewart	Mrs. Harry Dobson
Mrs. George Rand	Mrs. F. Leroy Champion
Mrs. Henry Jackson	Mrs. Raymond Wilcox
Mrs. Harold Tynning	Mrs. Frank Manchester, Jr.
Mrs. Clarence Hayes	Mrs. Henry Black
Mrs. Eric Lager	Mrs. William Ritchie
Mrs. Peter Ritchie	Mrs. Hubert Sauvageot
Mrs. Wilfred Bottomley	Mrs. Leonard Firth
Mrs. Hubert Wilcox	Mrs. Frank Manchester, Sr.
Mrs. George Snell	Mrs. Alfred Lundgren
Mrs. William Bamford	

The Epworth League, which was organized October 8, 1890, was dissolved and a new organization formed, which is now the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The year 1941 will long be remembered in the history of our society. It was the year that the most extensive alterations were made to our building since the time it was raised and made into a two story structure.

At the close of the March meeting of that year of the Official Board, the Trustees were asked to adjourn to the auditorium. It was then announced that our church society was in receipt of a large gift, which was to be used for a new pipe organ and chancel. This was very welcome news, for it had long been the desire of the Trustees and the parish to secure a new organ.

So that the work could be started early, we concluded our Sunday services on May 25. During the months of July and August, the usual Union Services with the Trinitarian Congregational Church were held at the latter church. Our minister, choir, and ushers having charge of the services during August.

On Sunday, October 5, 1941 the reopening services were held, with standing room only.

Many changes were made in the original plans for a pipe organ and new chancel. It was decided not to put in an expensive organ and new chancel in an old out-of-date interior. So instead, a less expensive all electric Everett Orgatrone was installed with a sound box. This enabled the money donated, to be used on other needed improvements. The whole interior was changed leaving nothing of the old setting. A complete new divided chancel, with pulpit and lectern were installed. The chancel was fitted out with new furniture, and a new floor was laid of black walnut parquetry. The furnishings include purple kneeling cushions at the new communion rail. A new Baptismal Font with panelled sides and removable mahogany cover with a pewter basin, stands on the right of the pulpit on the main floor. On the wall in back of and above the communion table, is a dossal composed of green and gold damask with purple velvet border strips and a purple valance. Gold galloon is used for trimming and the fringes are of green and purple, and of gold. The new communion table which is flanked by two reed bottom maple chairs, has a gold leaf cross with candle sticks to match. Four new large collection plates and two small ones, with a new hymnal for the pulpit, and 90 new hymnals were bought at this time.

The old pews were removed and new ones put in, with a center aisle and one on each side of the wall, instead of the two old original ones. Pews were also placed in a remodelled section at the rear of the sanctuary, to again give us a small balcony. All of the pews were finished with white backs, and mahogany seats, rails, and hymnal racks.

New windows with an arched top were installed. The large three windows at the front of the building were replaced with a beautiful Palladian Window. Venetian blinds were provided for all of the windows in the Sanctuary and the new minister's room.

This is the second time that new windows have been put into the sanctuary. When the building was raised in the fall of 1882, the windows and frames were taken out and put into the new Sunday School room. New double pointed windows, with red stained glass were put into the sanctuary at that time. This red glass was changed to green glass during the 1917 alterations, which served until the arched top windows were installed.

Eight new chandeliers of Old Flemish brass were installed. The floor was refinished and the aisles covered with a gray inlaid hard rubber material. A new Celotex ceiling was put up and all of the sanctuary painted. The Sunday School room was redecorated and two center columns were removed and four others replaced with steel laly columns and steel beams. Thus originated the "hump" in the middle of the sanctuary floor.

The Dedicatory service was held on Sunday, October 26th, with Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam delivering the sermon. Dr. Laurence W. C. Emig, Superintendent of the Lynn District, offered prayer and read the scripture lesson.

The sanctuary was filled to capacity, with an overflow audience listening to the service by radio in the Sunday School room.

Rev. Fox read a congratulatory letter from Rev. Clinton W. Carvell, written in behalf of the Trinitarian Congregational Church.

At Conference time in May of 1942, Rev. Fred E. Fox was asked to return for his fifth year. However, he resigned to accept a call to a church in the North Indiana Methodist Conference. His four year stay in North Andover had seen a complete change in our society, with the nation-wide unification of Methodism and the remodelling of the church edifice.

Rev. Fox was succeeded by Rev. Harris E. Heverly, who came to us from Newburyport.

During the summer of 1943, the Parsonage was painted by the men of the parish, under the leadership of Rev. Heverly, who did his share of the work.

It was during Rev. Heverly's pastorate that the United States entered into the conflict which is known as World War II. He organized a service committee to care for the needs of the young men and women from our parish who went into the service of their country. The names on our Honor Roll for World War II are:

Layton F. Britton	Freeman Barteaux	Albin C. Degenhardt
Ralph Bolderson	Thomas Clark	John Harris
Ralph Champion	James Dewhirst	Charles Leslie
Kenneth Dobson	Jackson Hayman	**William H. Munro
John Gordon	Carl Lager	Robert Mattheson
James D. Lewis	John Mawson	Alexander T. Pickles
George D. Mattheson	Arthur Mawson	Albert Shaw, Jr.
John J. Munro	Charles E. Pitman, Jr.	Robert Sanborn
George Page	**William Sipsey	George Windle
David W. Ritchie	Ernest Summers	William Farrow
Stewart Summers	Raymond Tallmadge	Virginia Mitchell
Marion H. Spessard	William Hayman	J. Elmore Tacy
Clarence Bell	Frederic Butler	Alvin Firth
Walter Hamilton	Ernest Baines	Roger Smith
Sam Shepardson	Bernard Champion	Stewart Wilson
Warren E. Bernard	Charles Dobson	Duncan Black

We have two gold stars on our service flag. They are for William H. Munro who died July 3, 1944, and for William B. Sipsey who died May 16, 1945.

At the Conference of May 1944, Rev. Heverly resigned to accept the call of the large Methodist Church in Winchester. The people of our church had not expected this change, so again we had to lose another good pastor.

The last year of the century of Methodism in North Andover, has to do largely with the work of our present pastor, Rev. Lewis B. Carpenter. He is an up-state New Yorker, who has worked long and hard for us. All of the planning for this anniversary has been done by him. At a later date I will record the fruits of his labors. It is his wish that nothing is mentioned about his pastorate in our societies' history at this time.

No history of our parish would be complete without the list of our 47 ministers.

NAME OF PASTOR	SERVICE BEGAN		SERVICE ENDED		NO.
Stephen G. Hiler	Aug.	3, 1845	Aug.	1846	1
James Dean	Aug.	1847	Nov.	1847	2
William Pentecost	Nov.	1847	April	1850	3
S. S. Cook	April	1850	Did not fin. yr.		4
George F. Pool	Supplied	1850	April	1851	5
Ichabod Marcy	April	1851	April	24, 1853	6
John C. Smith	April	24, 1853	April	22, 1855	7
William F. Lacount	April	22, 1855	April	8, 1857	8
Nathan F. Soule	April	8, 1857	April	7, 1858	9
Rodney Gage	April	7, 1858	April	4, 1860	10
George Sutherland	April	4, 1860	April	2, 1862	11
William M. Hubbard	April	2, 1862	April	7, 1863	12
John Middleton	April	7, 1863	April	5, 1864	13
George E. Chapman	April	5, 1864	April	4, 1866	14
Nathaniel Bemis	April	4, 1866	April	3, 1868	15
John S. Day	April	3, 1868	April	3, 1871	16
Linus Fish	April	3, 1871	April	8, 1873	17
Joseph W. Lewis	April	8, 1873	April	14, 1875	18
Burtis Judd	April	14, 1875	April	10, 1876	19
William P. Blackmer	April	10, 1876	April	8, 1879	20
Joseph Candlin	April	8, 1879	April	6, 1881	21
Porter M. Vinton	April	6, 1881	April	7, 1884	22
William M. Baldwin	April	7, 1884	April	14, 1887	23
Elias Hodge	April	14, 1887	April	11, 1892	24
Thomas C. Martin	April	11, 1892	April	11, 1893	25
Henry Matthews	April	11, 1893	Died	July, 1894	26
Milton B. Pratt	September	1894	April	13, 1896	27
William Wignall	April	13, 1896	April	12, 1897	28
Ben. J. Johnston	April	12, 1897	April	18, 1899	29
James F. Mears	April	18, 1899	April	15, 1901	30
Edward E. Ayers	April	15, 1901	April	1, 1903	31
William M. Cassidy	April	1, 1903	April	11, 1904	32
George E. Sanderson	April	11, 1904	April	1, 1903	33
William H. Hodge	April	14, 1908	April	11, 1910	34
Putnam Webber	April	11, 1910	April	19, 1918	35
D. Steward Smith	April	19, 1918	April	12, 1920	36
L. William Adams	April	12, 1920	April	9, 1923	37
Harold Lancaster	April	9, 1923	October	1925	38
Douglas G. Guest	Oct.	18, 1925	April	23, 1928	39
Ralph L. Norsworthy	April	23, 1928	April	15, 1929	40
Louis E. Whitchurch	April	15, 1929	April	10, 1933	41
Duane B. Aldrich	April	10, 1933	April	6, 1936	42
Robert L. Taylor	April	6, 1936	May	17, 1937	43
Ray S. True	May	17, 1937	May	23, 1938	44
Fred E. Fox	May	23, 1938	May	17, 1942	45
Harris E. Heverly	May	17, 1942	May	28, 1944	46
Lewis B. Carpenter	May	28, 1944	Aug.	12, 1945	47

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1916—

Florence A. Cormey
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1917—

Hedley Curren
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 J. Alwilda Curren
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 Kathleen Watts

1919—

William Hayman, Sr.
 Maria Hayman
 Velma Jackson
 Alfred Jackson N.R.
 Howard Metcalf N.R.
 Margaret Tacy
 Edson Tacy N.R.

1920—

C. Eric Lager
 Doris Templemen N.R.

1921—

George Altham N.R.

1922—

Ethel Champion
 Alice Dobson
 Florence Hayes
 Pearl Schofield
 James Schofield

1888—

David H. Jackson

1889—

Thomasina Jackson

1895—

Chastina Gile

1903—

Eliza A. Wilcox
 Hattie Doherty

1904—

Fannie Manchester

1906—

Lillian Curren
 George E. Metcalf

1910—

Elias Burdick
 Florence Burdick
 Ella Curren

1913—

Lalia Brightman
 Myrtle Curren
 Helen J. Cole N.R.
 George Jackson
 Mildred Lager
 Mabel Mozeen N.R.
 Elizabeth Riette
 Florence Sanborn
 Lilla Stewart

1914—

Jessie W. Crompton

1923—

Mildred Ackroyd
 Mabel Curren
 Grace Feather
 Hazel Ormsby
 Harold Sanborn
 Emma Waterhouse
 Hazel Waterhouse
 Beatrice Wilcox
 Harry N. Wilcox
 Jennie Wilcox
 Raymond Wilcox
 Dorothy Kennedy

1924—

Alice Curren
 Mary A. Dawe
 Irene Hubbard
 Lena Maude
 Jennie Rand

1925—

Blanche Bottomley
 Lois Mawson
 Gertrude Sauvageot

1926—

Andrew F. Coffin

1927—

Agnes Barnes
 Dorothy Flanagan
 Arthur Manchester
 Frank Manchester, Jr.
 Harry Manchester N.R.
 Helen Manchester

1929—

Bessie Curtis
 Clarence Hayes
 Agnes Pickles

1931—

Walter Curren

1933—

Harry Dobson
 George Hinchcliffe
 Ralph Robinson
 Elsie Robinson
 Peter Ritchie
 Nettie Ritchie

1934—

Mildred Bolderson
 Freeman Barteaux
 Hazel Button
 Thomas Clark, Jr.
 Ralph Champion
 Bernard Champion
 Evelyn Clark
 Leonard Firth
 Hannah Firth
 Jackson Hayman
 John Mawson
 Alexander Pickles
 George Windle
 Evelyn Bamford

1935—

Warren Bernard
 Marion Bamford
 Kathleen Gibney
 George Gibney
 Florence McCabe

1936—

Rita Conroy

1937—

Carl Lager N.R.
 Helen Parah

1938—

William Bamford, Jr.
 May Barnes
 Lenora Banker
 Walter Hamilton
 Mabel Hamilton
 Annie Littlefield
 Marion Snell
 J. Elmore Tacy

1939—

Beatrice Britton
 Mary Britton
 Henry Black
 Thomasina Black
 Marion Dawe N.R.
 James Dewhirst
 George Everson
 Ethel Everson
 John Hubbard
 Robert Mattheson
 Mary Penley N.R.
 George Page, Sr.
 Mary Page
 George Page, Jr.
 M. Louise Terroux
 Charles Pitman, Jr.
 William Ritchie
 Sarah Ritchie
 David Ritchie
 Martha Seddon
 Gladys Shaw N.R.
 Stewart Wilson, Sr.
 Eva Wilson
 Doris Wilson

1940—

Darrell Britton
 Florence Butler
 Thelma Champion
 Ruth Mattheson
 Barbara Dubriel
 Charles Dobson
 Alvin Firth
 Ethel Farrow
 William Farrow
 John Gordon
 Jean Gordon
 Dorothy Harris
 William Hayman, Jr.
 John Harris, Jr.
 Gladys Hanson
 Alfred Lundgren

Charles Leslie
George Mattheson
George Massey
Virginia Mitchell
John Monroe
Arthur Mawson
Amy Pitman
Charles Pitman, Sr.
Marion Spessard
Gloria Wilson

1941—

Shirley Britton
J. Duncan Black
Alice Clark
Robert Gordon
Caroline Hayman
William Harris
Wilbur Harvey
Janet Klufts
Edwin Littlefield
Francis Magoon
Ruth Magoon
John Pitman
Joseph Rand, Jr.
Roger S. Smith
Frances Harvey

1942—

Fred Butler
June Davis
Joyce Gilman
Barbara Hanson
Antionette McDowell
Virginia Robinson
Janet D. Smith
Ernest Stewart
Joan Littlefield

1943—

Margaret Black
Myra Bamford
Edna Chamberlain
Elaine Champion
Benjamin Coates
Lena Coates
Gladys Curren
Alfred Dawe

Edith Dewhirst
Anna Harris
Elizabeth Hollins
George Hollins
June Hamilton
David Long
Hilda Long
David MacDonald
David McAllister
Hazel Monroe
Ellen Summers
Fred Summers
Nellie Summers
Stewart Summers
William Tierney
Raymond Tallmadge
Marjorie Tallmadge
Shirley Wilcox
John Wolfenden

1944—

Ada Berry
Florence Brightman
Harold Dushame, Jr.
Minnie Doherty
Bertha Monroe
Carl Schofield
Stewart Wilson, Jr.

1945—

Frank Abbott
Mary Abbott
Russell Chamberlain
Elsie Cole
Elizabeth Cole
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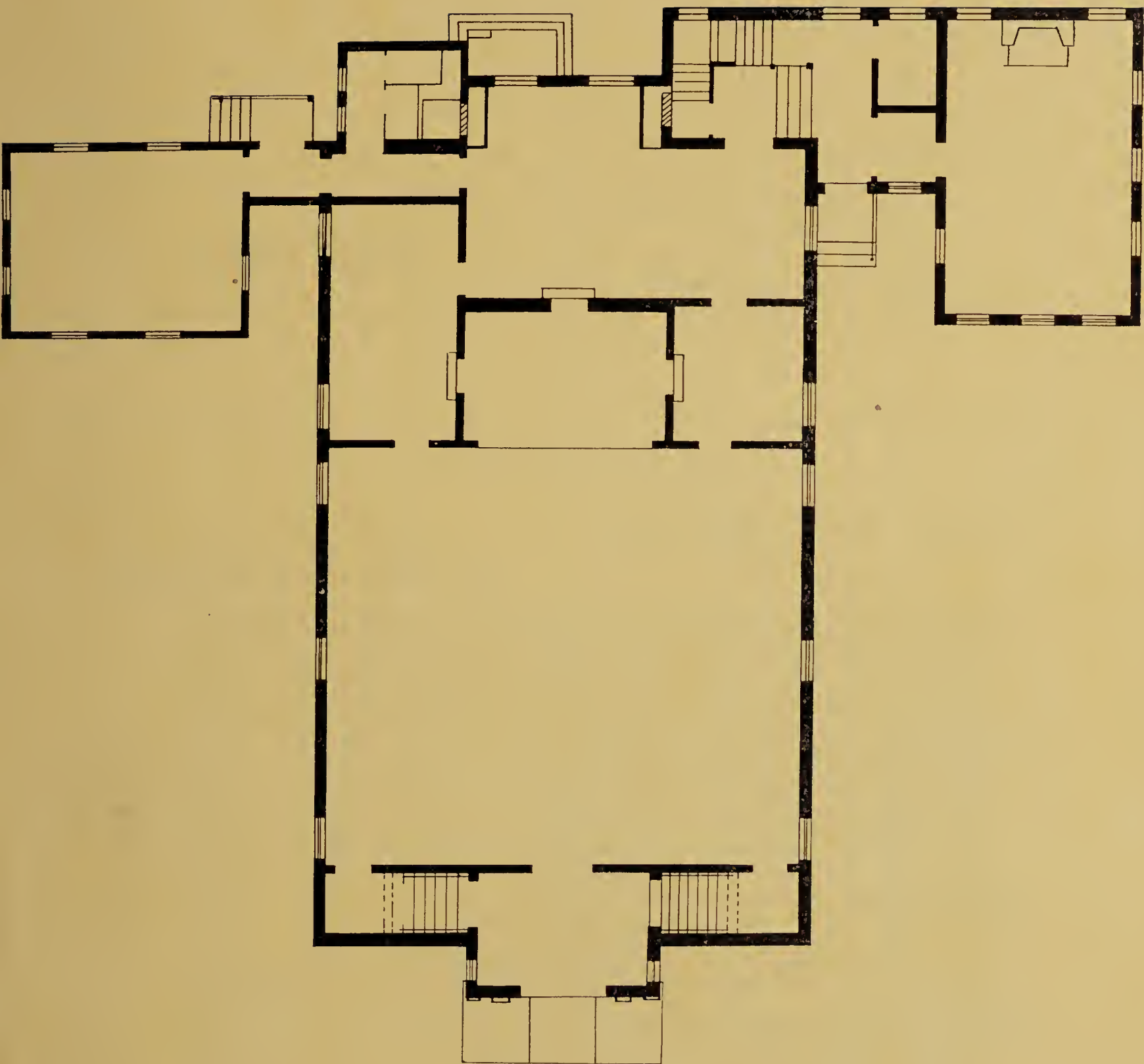
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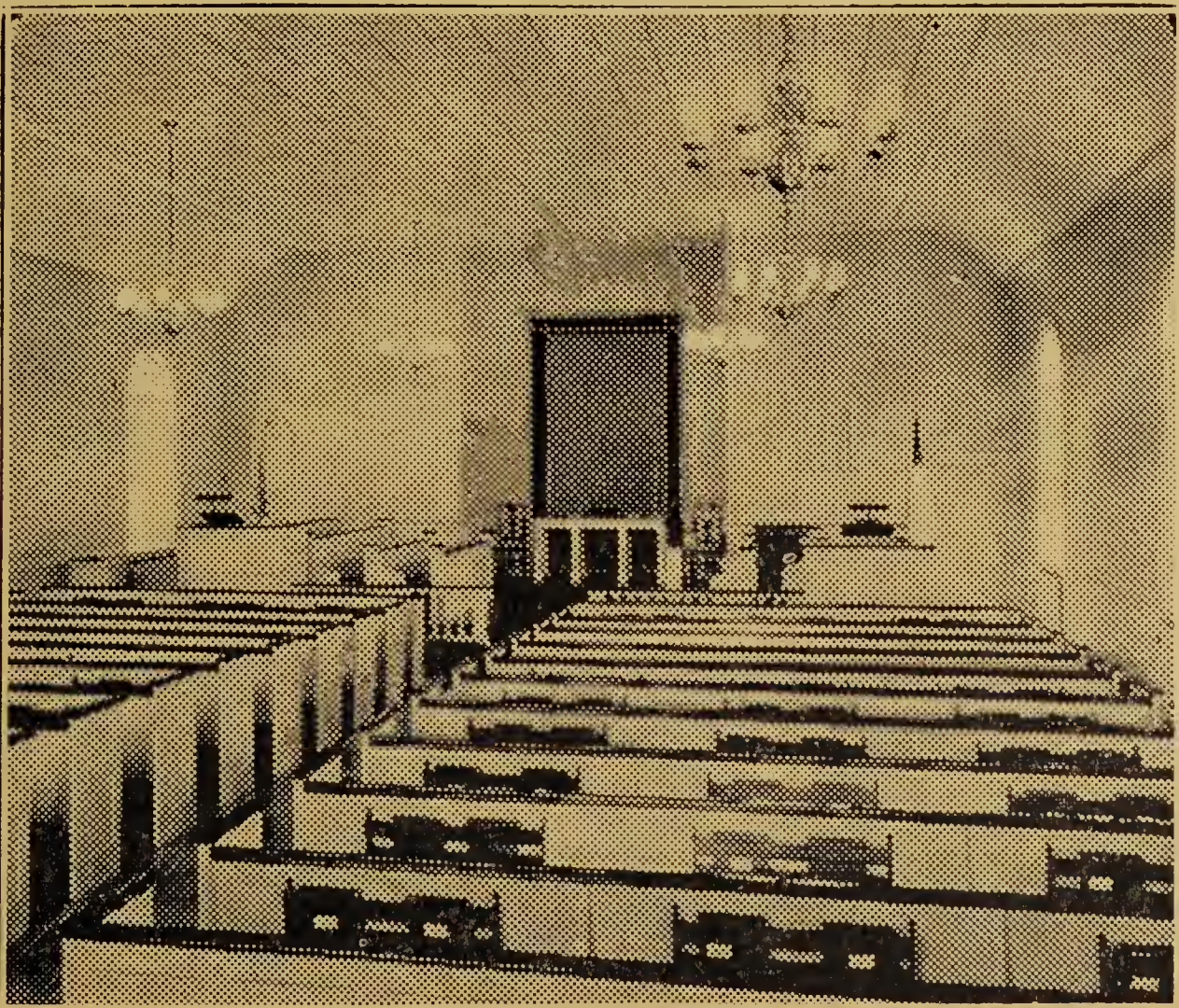


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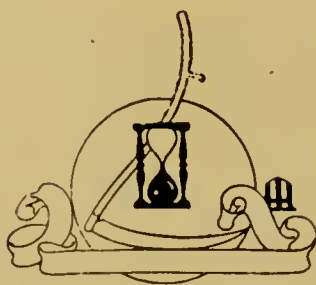
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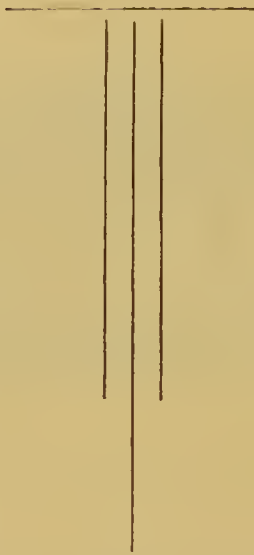
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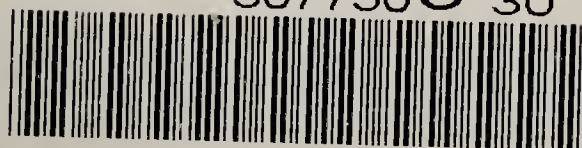
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